

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**CUSTOMER NO. 22927**

Applicants: Walker *et al.*  
Application No.: 09/218,085  
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR VENDING PRODUCTS

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Examiner: Thu Thao Havan

***Request for Continued Examination (RCE)  
Pursuant to the Following Submission of an***

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
to the Final Office Action mailed May 23, 2007**

**Mail Stop RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 23, 2007 as Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20070512 (hereinafter the "Final Office Action"), please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Following is a detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application. A status identifier is provided for every claim and the current text of every claim is presented, unless the claim has been cancelled or not entered. Current amendments to the claims are expressed in the detailed listing by strikethrough or double brackets (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter).